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Proceeding	91225861
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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Shure Incorporated,	)
Opposer,	) ) Opposition No. 91225861
V.	)
No Show Productions, LLC,	) Ser. No. 86630288
Applicant.	)
Attorney Ref. No. 009668-60823	)

#### **ANSWER**

Box TTAB NO FEE Commissioner for Trademarks P.O. Box 1451 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1451

Sir:

No Show Productions, LLC (hereinafter Applicant), through its undersigned attorney, hereby answers the notice of opposition of Shure Incorporated (hereinafter Opposer) as follows:

- 1. Applicant is without sufficient information to either admit or deny the allegations set forth in paragraph 1 and therefore denies the same.
- 2. Applicant is without sufficient information to either admit or deny the allegations set forth in paragraph 2 and therefore denies the same.
- 3. Applicant is without sufficient information to either admit or deny the allegations set forth in paragraph 3 and therefore denies the same.
  - 4. Admitted.
  - 5. Admitted.

- 6. Admitted.
- 7. Denied.
- 8. Denied.
- 9. Denied.
- 10. Denied.
- 11. Denied.
- 12. Denied.

#### AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

- 13. The notice of opposition fails to state a claim.
- 14. Confusion as to either source of origin or sponsorship is unlikely.
- 15. Dilution is unlikely.
- 16. The alleged mark set forth in Opposer's Reg. No. 2163185 is a configuration of a design or shape that is directed to the performance of a function of the microphones set forth therein.
- 17. The alleged mark set forth in Opposer's Reg. No. 2163185 is a configuration of a design or shape that is essential to the use or purpose of the microphones set forth therein.
- 18. The alleged mark set forth in Opposer's Reg. No. 2163185 is a configuration of a design or shape that affects the cost or quality of the microphones set forth therein.
- 19. The alleged mark set forth in Opposer's Reg. No. 2163185 is a configuration of a design or shape that lacks inherent distinctiveness of the microphone set forth therein.
- 20. The alleged mark set forth in Opposer's Reg. No. 2163185 is a configuration of a design or shape that lacks acquired distinctiveness of the microphone set forth therein.

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21. There is no reasonable belief that Opposer has or will suffer any damage as a

result of the registration of the mark set forth in Ser. No. 86630288.

22. Applicant will rely on any and all other valid affirmative defenses which may be

developed through discovery and/or testimony in this proceeding and therefore reserves the right

to amend its answer to assert such additional affirmative defenses.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that the notice of opposition be denied in

its entirety.

Please direct all communications to the undersigned at (615) 238-6300 or

trademarks@bonelaw.com.

No Show Productions, LLC

By:

Name: Paul W. Kruse

Title: Attorney

Date: February 19, 2016

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served on Applicant's attorneys, Katherine Laatsch Fink, Esq. with an address at Banner & Witcoff Ltd., 10 S. Wacker Drive Suite 3000, Chicago, IL 60606, via first class mail, postage prepaid, today February 19, 2016.

By: Paul W. Kruse

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